

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as follows:

6. (Currently Amended) A method for using a computer to facilitate a sales transaction for purchasing a product/service by a group of buyers from a seller of a plurality of sellers, comprising:

receiving into the computer requests to purchase the product/service by buyers of the group;

forming a collective request for purchase of the product/service based upon the received buyer requests to purchase the product/service;

sending the collective request to a plurality of sellers;

receiving by an agent entity a suggested price quotation for the product/service from the a plurality of the sellers;

automatically providing by the agent entity each received suggested price quotation to at least a plurality of the sellers for review, wherein the agent entity is an agent of the group of buyers;

receiving by the agent entity another suggested price quotation for the product/service from at least one of the plurality of sellers;

receiving purchase authorization to complete a sale from at least one buyer in the group to buy the product/service from any seller that has provided a suggested price quotation for the product/service.

90. (Currently Amended) A method for using a computer to facilitate a sales transaction for purchasing a product/service by a group of buyers from a seller, comprising:

verifying that a plurality of buyers in the group share a common characteristic associated with a third party that is not any of the buyers or the seller;

receiving into the computer requests to purchase the product/service from verified buyers of the group;

forming a collective request for purchase of the product/service based upon the received buyer requests to purchase the product/service;
sending the collective request to the seller;
receiving a suggested price quotation for the product/service from the seller;
automatically notifying an agent entity of the suggested price quotation received from the seller; and
receiving purchase authorization from at least one verified buyer in the group to buy the product/service at the suggested price quotation received from the seller.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2555 any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper.

Respectfully submitted,
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